

“SEXTING: PAUSE B4 U POST”

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Autopornography & Sexting



Why you should care

- 22% of teen girls and 18% of teen boys have posted or electronically sent semi-nude pictures or videos of themselves
- 37% of teen girls and 40% of teen boys are sending or posting sexually suggestive messages
- 71% of teen girls and 67% of teen boys who have sent or posted sexually suggestive content say they have sent/posted to a boyfriend/girlfriend
- 38% of teen girls and 39% of teen boys say they have had sexually suggestive text messages or emails – originally for someone else – shared with them
- 25% of teen girls and 33% of teen boys says they have had nude or semi-nude images – originally meant for someone else –shared with them.

From The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy (Study in September-October 2008 of 653 teens from ages 13-19)

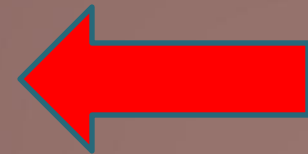
DISCUSSION QUESTION



1. What is the prevalence of sexting in your school?
2. Do you think you have a sexting problem in your community?

Click below to view 2.27 minute general info video on the sexting epidemic:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dx6VDIPK-o8>



Why Teens Post



- 22% of teens say they are personally more forward and aggressive using sexually suggestive words and images than they are in “real life”
- 38% of teens say exchanging sexually suggestive content makes dating and hooking up with others more likely
- 29% of teens believe those exchanging sexually suggestive contents are “expected” to date or hook up
- 51% of teen girls say pressure from a guy is a reason girls send sexy message or images
- 23% of teen girls and 24% of teen boys say they were pressured by friends to sent or post sexual content

Why Teens Post Continued...



- 66% of teen girls and 60% of teen boys say they did so to be “fun or flirtatious”
- 52% of teen girls did so as a “sexy present” for their boyfriend
- 40% of teen girls said they sent sexually suggestive messages or images as “a joke”
- 34% of teen girls say they sent/posted sexually suggestive content to “feel sexy”
- 12% of teen girls felt “pressured” to send sexually suggestive messages or images

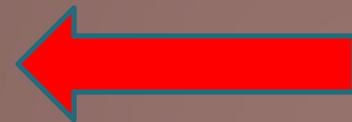
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do teens post in your school?
2. What do you do right now to educate teenagers on sexting?
3. To view survey and use a copy for your school, go to www.thenationalcampaign.org/SEXTECH/PDF/SexTech_Summary.pdf.

Please click below to view 2.31minute interview of John Walsh from America's Most Wanted discussing sexting:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60_ZUIxIMIs



Legal Ramifications



- Federal Law
 - 18 U.S.C. §2256: child pornography is defined as any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct
 - Receiving just one picture carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years
 - 18 U.S.C. §1466A: criminalizes knowingly producing, distributing, receiving, or possessing with intent to distribute, a visual depiction of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture or painting, that
 - depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene

Idaho Legal Ramifications



- *IDAHO*: sexting can result in charges of creation, possession and distribution of child pornography and crimes against a minor (www.about.com)
- ***IDAHO CODE § 18-1507. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD***
 - (1) The legislature hereby finds and declares that the commercial sexual exploitation of children constitutes a wrongful invasion of the child's right of privacy and results in social, developmental, and emotional injury to the child; that a child below the age of eighteen (18) years is incapable of giving informed consent to the use of his or her body for a commercial purpose; and that to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation it is necessary to prohibit the production for trade or commerce of material which involves or is derived from such exploitation and to exclude all such material from the channels of trade and commerce.
- ***IDAHO CODE § 18-1507A(2). POSSESSION OF SEXUALLY EXPLOITATIVE MATERIAL FOR OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE -- PENALTY***
 - (2) Every person who knowingly and willfully has in his possession any sexually exploitative material as defined in section 18-1507, Idaho Code, for other than a commercial purpose, is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$ 10,000).

Other States' Legal Ramifications



- Examples of recent State prosecutions
 - NEW JERSEY: 14-year-old girl charged with child pornography and distributing child pornography when she posted nude pictures of herself on MySpace (eSchoolNews)
 - PENNSYLVANIA: Three high school girls that sent seminude photos to four male students received child pornography charges.
 - VERMONT: Trying to pass legislation an exemption that prosecution of 13 to 18-year-olds on either sending or receiving sext messages so long as sender voluntarily transmits an image of himself/herself (eSchoolNews)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think Idaho teenagers are aware of the legal ramifications of their sexting?
2. Do you think parents are aware of the legal consequences?
3. What about the awareness of school officials?

Click below on 2 minute news clip about
SEXTING IN IDAHO

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IMing b4 IM rdy: what teens need to know



- Keep in mind that it's not private. It's public.
 - Texts and pictures get passed around
- Once posted, it's permanent
 - There's no "delete" and "turning back"
 - Can affect a teenager's reputation, future schooling, and self-esteem
- Don't succumb to peer pressure
- Think before you post. What is the purpose of posting?
- Anonymous is not a choice. Eventually, it can be traced.
- Consider Legal ramifications

Empowering parents



- Keep up to date on technology and your child's communication
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - MySpace
 - Blogging
- Keep the computer in the common area of your home, not in your child's room
- Talk to other parents
- Talk about “good judgment” with your kids about posting online or texting (AAP)

Empowering parents continued...



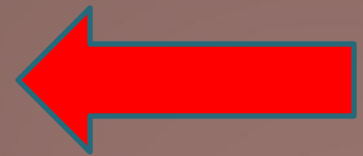
- Have a policy that you and your child “friend” each other
 - Go to American Academy of Pediatrics website (www.aap.org) and click on social media tips
- Create strategy for monitoring your kids online (format monitoring systems)
- Set time limits on the Internet and the cell phone
- Check chat logs, emails, files and social networking profiles for inappropriate content periodically.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do your children have an SNS profile (i.e. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter)?
2. Have you seen them?
3. What can you start doing today to protect your child?

Please click on link to view CBS News Katie Couric's 1 minute news clip on sexting:

http://www.metacafe.com/watch/cb-1INNBNcApioa1FR6uWFz2AU1Cf1Y4ZIM/notebook_teen_sexting/



The School's Role



- Create or enhance a School Code of Conduct
- Create or write it in the School Student Handbook
 - For Example: “Sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a cellphone or other electronic device is prohibited” – Mesquite Independent School District
- What other schools have done:
 - A Pennsylvania School District may give detention, take away the phone, and/or have parents brought to school, and suspension

The School's Role continued...



- Education and Support
 - Police officer or attorney general presentation – talk about the legal ramifications of “sexting”
 - Create skits with high school students role playing this issue as part of training for teachers and students
 - Create a victim’s panel to talk with kids
- What Idaho State Board of Education says about the school’s role in monitoring sexting:
 - I.D. 33-512A: (6) To prescribe rules for the disciplining of unruly or insubordinate pupils, including rules on student harassment, intimidation and bullying, such rules to be included in a district discipline code adopted by the board of trustees and a summarized version thereof to be provided in writing at the beginning of each school year to the teachers and students in the district in a manner consistent with the student’s age, grade and level of academic achievement.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is in place at your school? What are the consequences?
- What do you do when you find a student sexting?
- Do you believe more education should be offered to students about sexting?



INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

- Have your students play out sexting scenarios or skits that may be happening in the school.
- Ask students to provide examples on what crosses the line.
- Ask students what they consider “healthy” behavior.
- Provide students examples of what healthy behavior is.

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“We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something”.

Sandra Day O'Connor